# ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

#### **MINUTES**

## **MAY 10, 2001 MEETING**

# Arizona Hall of Fame Museum 1101 W. Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC) met at1 p.m. on May 10, 2001 at the Arizona Hall of Fame Museum, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Members** James E. Ayres, Historic Preservation Consultant, Tucson

Shelley Cohn, Executive Director

Arizona Commission on the Arts

Brad Cole, Curator of Manuscripts, Cline Library/

Historic Preservation Consultant, Northern Arizona

University, Flagstaff, Coconino County

Jim Garrison, State Historic Preservation Officer, Statutory member

State Historic Preservation Office, Arizona State Parks

George Gumerman, Director, Statutory Member

Arizona State Museum

Joel Hiller, Interim Executive Director, Statutory Member

Arizona Historical Society

Ken Rozen, Legislative Liaison

Arizona State Land Department

Don Ryden

**Ryden Architects** 

GladysAnn Wells, Director, Ex-Officio Secretary

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

**Also Attending** Michael Carman, Division Director, Museum Division

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

David Hoober, State Archivist, Directors Office, Arizona State Library, Archives

and Public Records

**ABSENT** 

**Members** LeRoy Brady, Manager

Roadside Development, Department of Transportation

Edgar Perry, Cultural Specialist

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Kenneth Travous, Director, Statutory Member

Arizona State Parks

Jannelle Warren-Findley, Chair

Public History Program, Arizona State University

**Also Absent** Tim Norton, Chair

Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names

#### Introductions and announcements

Several guests attended the meeting: Alida Montiel, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Steve Ross, Arizona State Land Department; David Wilcox, Museum of Northern Arizona; Lynne Teague, Arizona State Museum; and David Cushman, Pima County Archaeological and Historic Preservation Office Program.

George Gumerman distributed a copy of his letter of May 9, 2001 to Michael E. Anable, State Land Commissioner, in response to Mr. Anable's May 1, 2001 letter on the draft *Standards for Documentation of Archaeological Properties on State Land and for State Projects*.

Brad Cole distributed a CD-ROM and accompanying teacher's guide to "Traders. Voices from the Trading Post," produced by Cline Library Special Collections and Archives Department, Northern Arizona University.

# Approval of November 9, 2000 meeting minutes

Ken Rozen asked that he be identified by his new title, Arizona State Land Department Legislative Liaison.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

# **Transportation Enhancement Review Committee**

Jim Ayres reported that he had represented AHAC at the Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC) meeting in Jerome in November 2000. Approximately ninety projects were submitted for review. He said many members of TERC are openly hostile to making awards for historical projects. These projects now fare better than they have in the past, but still relatively few are funded.

#### **State Historic Preservation Office report**

Jim Garrison and Carol Griffith reported on several items:

- The Parks Board adopted the Guidelines for the State Historic Preservation Act on January 18, 2001.
- Standards for Documentation of Archaeological Properties on State Land and for State Projects, drafted in compliance with the State Historic Preservation Act 41-863, was sent to state agencies, committees and commissions for comment. SHPO will compile comments and provide feedback to AHAC at the next meeting.
- *Historical Archaeology in Arizona: A Research Guide* has been completed. The Guide was developed by the SHPO Historical Advisory Committee and an *ad hoc* committee of historical archaeologists in the state who have been meeting to share information and work with SHPO on projects related to historical archaeology. Jim Ayres noted that Carol Griffith played a major role in preparation of the report.

- SHPO has collaborated with ASLAPR to microfilm and copy to CD-Rom some of its records, including the reports in the Archaeology Library, the National and Arizona Registers of Historic Places files and the Historic Property Inventory forms. The project's objectives are to preserve the records, improve accessibility to other state institutions, and to provide records management as prescribed in the SHPA 41-863. SHPO hopes to expand this project in future years to update records and film HABS/HAER recordation.
- Archaeology Month, the Expo and Arizona Heritage Preservation Week activities have helped focus attention on historic preservation.
- Rick Karl will conduct an AZSITE training workshop Friday May 18th from Arizona State Museum.
  Rick will be introducing the new and improved Web access developed by ASU GIS Lab. The
  operation of the master database and GIS is being moved to ASM. SHPO has hired a new staff
  person, Beverly Legah, as Sites Recorder. She will be entering and cleaning data for AZSITE.
  Steve Savage has been hired by ASP computer support to oversee and do programming for the
  SHPO databases and AZSITE. Wells requested information on this for ASLAPR staff.
- The revision of the State Historic Preservation Plan of 1996 has been completed. The Parks Board adopted it on March 15, 2001.
- Several items were distributed, including a series of brochures entitled "Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation;" "Arizona Historic Preservation Plan Update 2000;" "Historic Archaeology in Arizona. A Research Guide;" "Arizona State Historic Preservation Act 2000 Annual Report;" and a compilation of statutes and rules pertaining to historic preservation in Arizona.

## Report on Legislative Council's analysis of the antiquities act and the historic preservation act

GladysAnn Wells stated that this report emanated from a charge to her in the ASLAPR Sunset Review of 1999 and by the Library Board in October 2000 to assess the place of AHAC in the agency. She will present the report to the Board at its next meeting in late summer or fall. Wells thanked Legislative Council for its assistance and asked Commission members for their comments.

George Gumerman said that the review needed to be done. Others, including the Legislature, the Land Department and the Arizona State Museum, have acknowledged the need. The report dealt with complicated issues. Without accepting the details in the report, many of which were in error or dispute, Gumerman said that he accepted the conclusion: relevant agencies should cooperatively evaluate statutes relating to them. There were conflicts, places where bits of legislation didn't mesh, but they could be resolved. There need not be conflict.

Gumerman proposed that the staff of the Arizona State Museum immediately begin to draw up a statement on ways to rectify problems among statutes and agencies. This draft would be distributed to AHAC members and constituencies for feedback. He proposed as a goal that within sixty days there would be a statement of agreement on which members could concur. It would be a document that could be taken to the Library Board at its next meeting.

Wells asked that he document his concerns about errors in the report. Gumerman promised that he would provide her with that summary within one week. Wells also asked Gumerman if he intended to propose legislation to solve the dysfunctionality between the antiquities act and the historic preservation acts. Wells noted that ASLAPR had the capacity to draft legislation if that was what members wanted.

Gumerman responded that ASM staff was not qualified to write legislation. What he could offer was a proposal for a workable system, not a response to the report.

Gumerman asked that everyone be patient, understand others' points of view, and be willing to discuss those views frankly. Lynn Teague suggested that AHAC and the Inter Tribal Council first review the draft. Gumerman proposed that a small group from AHAC, ASM, SHPO, and the Land Department then meet to evaluate responses. Following that the draft could be circulated to a wider constituency.

Ken Rozen moved that a resolution of appreciation be sent to Legislative Council for producing the report. George Gumerman seconded the motion. Brad Cole and David Hoober were asked to compose the resolution. ASM, SHPO and the Land Department all agreed that they concurred in the conclusions in the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Garrison then moved that George Gumerman chair a committee to draft within sixty days a statement of principle for potential new legislative recommendations on the State Historic Preservation Act, the Arizona Antiquities Act, and the AHAC and Arizona Archeological Advisory Commission statutes. Shelley Cohn seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. Jim Garrison moved that the AHAC subcommittee to "review existing state preservation statutes for consistency and organizational effectiveness, and if warranted, develop recommendations for improving the efficiency of their administration" be discharged. Ken Rozen seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Garrison then asked that Gumerman's recommendations not only recognize the need to improve efficiency in the statutes, but recognize empowerment of tribes and communities in historic preservation and the important role historic preservation plays in our society.

# **AHAC** annual report

Brad Cole inquired about the status of the AHAC annual report. Members requested that it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

# **Next meeting**

Following a noon luncheon, the Commission will meet on August 28 at 1:00 pm in the Director's Conference Room, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, Suite 200, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Hoober